

**Andrew Jackson to Tench Ringgold, October 15, 1829,
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by
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TO THE MARSHAL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.¹

¹ Tench Ringgold was marshal of the District of Columbia.

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The President with compliments to the Marshal of the District of Columbia informs him that complaints have been made, that the Keeper 8 of the prison in this District have placed individuals *convicted on criminal charges* , in rooms in the prison, other than those assigned for *criminals* , and these persons are seen in the debtors apartments, which have been assigned for the honest, but unfortunate individuals who are unable to pay their debts. it would seem from the complaints made that these *convicted criminals* are treated as the honest debtor, altho condemned as *criminals* , and confinement, as *such, awarded* , as part of their punishment.

The Marshall will make report to the President whether any persons *convicted upon a criminal charge* , have been, or are now confined in any other apartment of the prison other, than those, set apart for the confinement *of convicted criminals* .